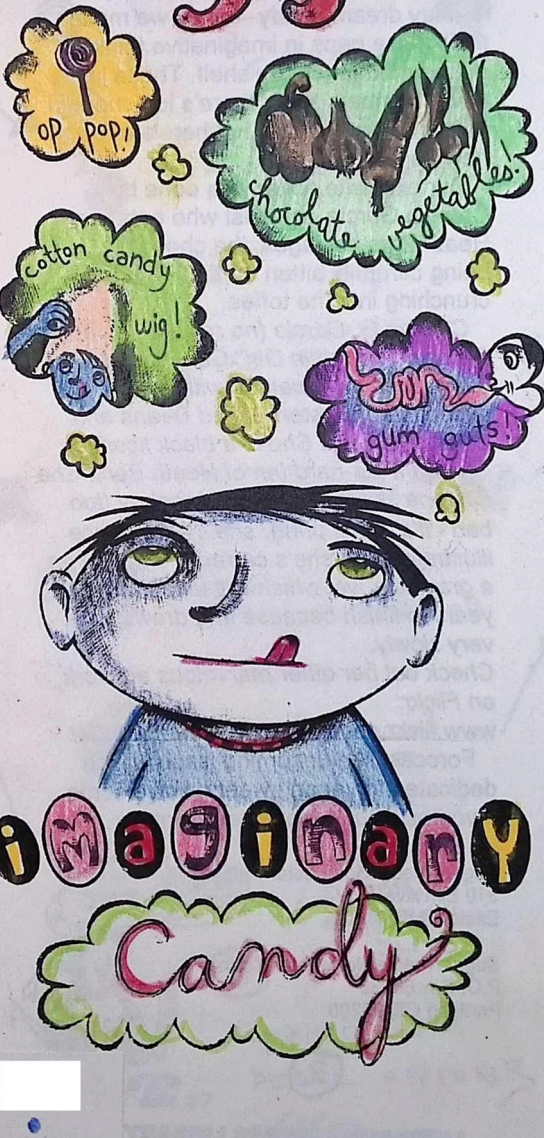
# Sugar Needle #33



Howdy Sugar Kittens!

While lounging on our fuschia daybeds in the Sugar Needle executive lounge (the chairs in the breakroom have wrought iron licorice backs, lots of curlicues-- but too uncomfortable for daydreaming) your editors Corina and Phlox decided to travel back in time and publish some of our classic imaginary candy columns together in one issue. So that's what this is-- day dream candy--candy we made up to fill those gaps in imaginative thinking on the modern candy shelf. These just cover numbers 1-20; there's lots more in more recent issues. And there's a few new pages as well.

Our exquisite cover was done by Carolyn Garcia, an artist who eats her Heath Bars in stages, the chocolate being carefully bitten off first before crunching into the toffee.

*Carolyn G. Garcia (no relation to Jerry or Carolyn "Mountain Girl" Garcia what-so-ever) loves most candy, with the exception of Boston Baked Beans and Circus Peanuts. She is a black licorice girl and a die-hard fan of Heath Bars. She has one children's book, Moonboy (too bad - it's out of print), she's a freelance illustrator, and she's currently working on a graphic novel which will take many years to finish because she draws very, very slowly.*
*Check out her other marvelous art work on Flickr:*
www.flickr.com/photos/7373968@N04/

Forecast: An upcoming issue will be dedicated to vegan sweets. Have some favorites? Puh-leeeze, let us know:

Sugar Needle Sou'Easter Phlox
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Sugar Needle Nor'wester Corina
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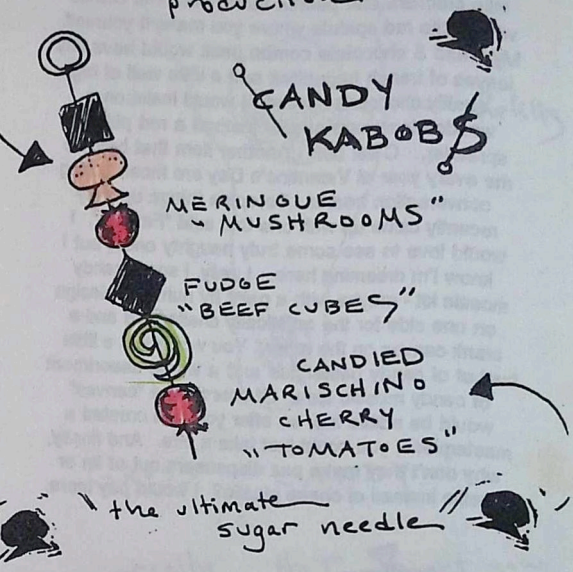
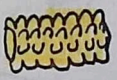
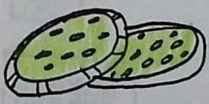
phlox dreams

I might try to make the beef, mushroom & tomato kabob. I will have to wait for the rest of my imaginary candies to go into production.





GUMMI CORN ON THE COB

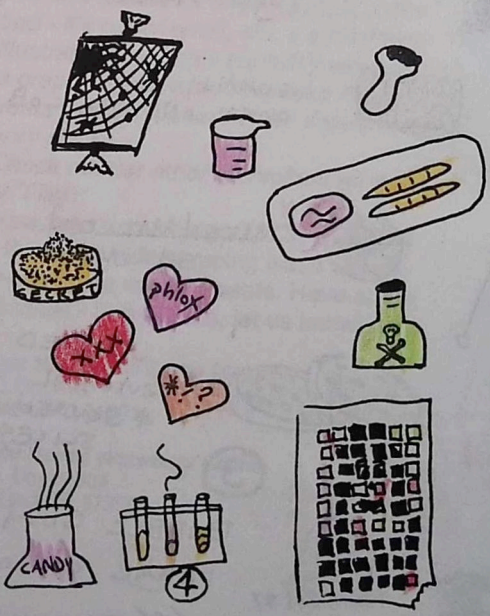
MARSHMALLOW SHRIMP


JELLIED ZUCCHINI & SQUASH SLICES

BUBBLE GUM PEARL ONIONS

## Candies I Wish Existed by Phlox

Corina's imaginative inventions blew me away in the last issue. Of the top of my head I came up with a few of my own including a Spun Sugar Spider Web. This would come with little crunchy insects and a huge furry candy spider. I see this packaged on a black cardboard square covered in eerie, crinkly blue and purple cellophane. My next idea was for chocolate covered communion wafers (forgive me). Well, okay then how about just something combining the bread and chocolate flavors like one of those little crackers and peanut butter sets that comes with a little red spatula where you make it yourself. My bread & chocolate combo pack would have tiny loaves of french baguettes and a little well of high quality chocolate spread. I would insist on a wooden icecream paddle instead a red plastic spreader. C'est bon. Another item that bothers me every year at Valentine's Day are those boring conversation hearts. To spice things up they recently came up with one that said "Fax Me". I would love to see some truly naughty ones, but I know I'm dreaming here. Lastly, I see a candy mosaic kit - maybe with a paint by numbers design on one side for the artistically challenged and a blank canvas on the other. You would get a little bucket of candy paste/glue and a whole assortment of candy mosaic tiles. Of course, the "canvas" would be edible too, so after you had created a masterpiece, you could just take a bite. And finally, why don't they make pez dispensers out of tin or bakelite instead of cheap plastic? I would pay more.




From SN # 4

Imaginary

FUNKY
TOE
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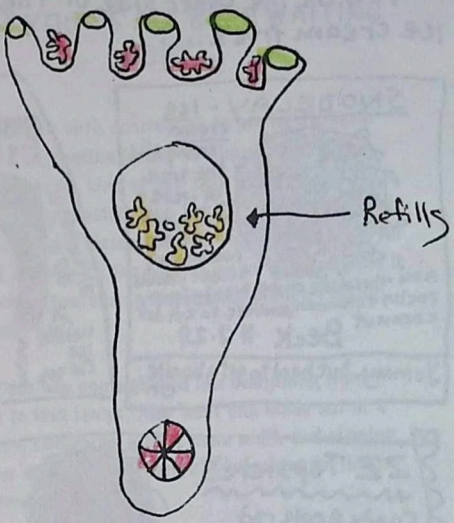
CANDY




GROSS CANDY
is
really HOT right now,
so here is my version
with YUMMY GOURMET
flavours!

MOJITOE
STRAWBERRY JAM
&
BLEU CHEESE!

Phlox

And on the other side of the ice cream truck....

SNODELAY - Ice cream snowballs the size of grape-fruits, rolled in a combo coating of rainbow jimmies, mini-chocolate chips, Nerds, pop rocks & shaved coconut

Beck # 2.29

Yummy, but hard to get a handle on.

Magnetic Fields

Strawberry Kiwi

Vanilla Ice Cream

89¢

ZZ Topsicles

Candy Apple red Popsicles coated in gray cotton candy. Popsicle "stick" is an oversized car key with a "Z" engraved on the handle.

99¢

by Corina, with a tip o' the hat to Keith, who helped draw "the tongue"

Brittany Spears Icicle Shaped confections made of Virgin Snow. Artificially flavored

10¢

WICK CAVE SUNDAE CUP

Tartlemonice drizzled with bittersweet dark chocolate.

Wooden paddle for eating or beating

Purple Hazelnut

Folsom Prison Blueberry Twist

$4.00

Jimi + Johnny's American Dream

From SN #18

# SEXY IMAGINARY CANDY (WHAT YOU'VE ALL BEEN WAITING FOR)

OK, we all know birth control can be pretty UN-sexy. So here's a suggestion for Ortho - how bout a birth control fizz candy, kind of like Zotz with sperm zappers, that you activate by licking and sucking, and then sorta tuck up inside yourself where it would feel all fizzy and vibratey for the both of you? Oh yeah and it would come it tantalizing flavors like Mango Passion and Peach Puss.

Since dildos now come shaped like everything from dolphins to lava lamps, how 'bout one made out of a peppermint stick, with a little more width and shaping than your average candy cane? Refreshing on those hot summer days.

Sticky sticky sticky - a gigantic sleeping bag sized cinnamon bun for cuddling up inside of. Warning: best made without nuts (edible or human).

Chocolate dip cones you do at home - (skip the ice cream) -dip your sweety, and lick it off.

Candies with holes in the center,like Lifesavers only bigger, so they fit around body parts, might make fun ring things.

Gummi handcuffs, what a concept!!

Edible panties are kinda old school, but I know some guys that would love M&M's to make bra fasteners that melt in your mouth.

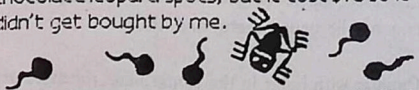
Okey dokey, remember its all make believe and a good imagination is the best aphrodisiac...have fun out there sweeties! - CF

## Imaginery Candy

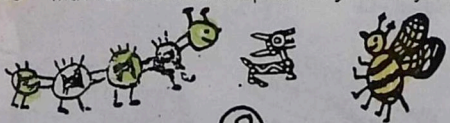
Sometimes I like to make up cool candies I WISH I could have that don't exist in the real world, especially when I have a long bus ride home from work, or when I have to walk someplace far away because the bus never came or my bike tires are flat. One of the candies I would love to see is a full sized waffle made of really good chocolate. I would eat it slowly, square by square. I even tried to figure out if I could make one in a waffle iron but I think it would just be a melty mess. Maybe what I would need is a plastic vacuum mold of a real waffle, and then I could pour the molten chocolate into the mold - and it would harden into a perfect waffle? Let me know if you're an expert in chocolate injection molding or a candy engineer for Herseys.

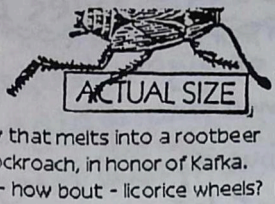
Another cool candy i think about would be candy buttons. I always picture them like Sweet Tarts. You could sew them on your shirt, and then just eat them off. There'd be a warning : "For children over 3 years of age", and "Do not dry clean".

A chocolate chess set would be dandy, and it would allow you to eat whichever pieces you took. I did see a white chocolate set of dominoes once - very cool with dark chocolate leopard spots, but it cost $10 so it didn't get bought by me.



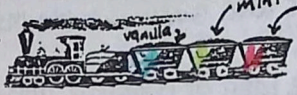
Gummi candies are pretty imaginative already - they've evolved a long way from gummi bears. But I think gummi green tadpoles would be extra-ordinary, and the texture would be perfect. And then there's the candy called "Metamorphosis". The first layer would be a some kind of round jawbreaker egg thing. As you sucked on it, a fat gummi caterpillar would emerge. And if you bit open the caterpillar, there would be little candy confetti butterflies inside! A variation could be a beehive that was filled with red hot bees in liquid honey, or maybe a






gummi guy that melts into a rootbeer flavored cockroach, in honor of Kafka.

Or - how bout - licorice wheels? Not those dinky Hotwheel sized spirals they already sell, I mean the real honest to Goodyear thing. Full sized, use it for a spare in a pinch. They could even have white walls of that coconut filling they use in licorice allsorts. Yum. Just don't expect me to eat them if they come in flavors like watermelon or grape. Landfill flavors of licorice tires like those would make me switch to mass transit.

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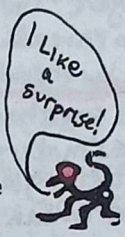
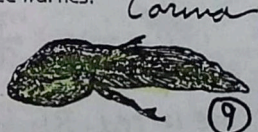
Maybe a chocolate ChooChoo, a candy bar with an imprint of a train on it, divided into little cars. Each car would have a different filling - chocolate truffle, orange cream, hazlenut torte, eggnog rum. And they'd change the flavors all the time so one day a bite would get you cherry cordial, the next would might be Turkish Delight. They would market the ChooChoo bar to people who like to be surprised.




I don't know what to do with all these imaginary candies. Sometimes I put them in short stories, so at least someone (even if its an imaginary someone) gets to savor them.

Maybe someday I will get a JOB inventing candies! Laugh if you want to, but there are REAL JOBS where people just sit around inventing toys, ice cream flavors, candies or lipstick names like " Magenta Menagerie" or "Tasty Tulips". It would be great to be paid for imagining, but unforthunately, most of those jobs fall under the evil category of advertising - the archnemisis of creativity - tricking people into wanting stuff they don't even need. Not for me, thankyou - I'd rather daydream about chocolate waffles.

Carina




The premiere Imaginary Candy column from SBN # 3

# Fantasy Buggie Bites

Past isssves of Sugar Needle have lots of imaginary bugcandy but here's some special ideas for our Insect Issue.

Instead of little wax bottles filled with colored sugar water, how 'bout little wax bugs (beetles, grasshoppers and bees would be good) filled with brightly colored BUG JUICE!! Bite off the heads and suck out the insides Eew-gross!

I like the idea of making little sugar mosquitoes to decorate wedding cakes. I think chefs do this by cooking sugar syrup to the hardcrack stage ("The sirup in ice water will separa into threads that are hard and brittle" say The Joy of Cooking). Cook it to that state and somehow join it together the way glassmakers in Malls make those little delicate glass animals (if you don't kno what I mean read The Glass Menagerie Tennessee Williams).

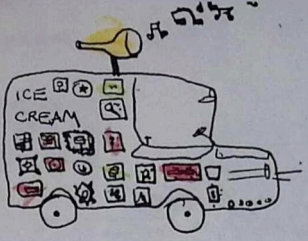
Butterfly wings - well if they make CDs, checks, magic eye pictur Sidewalk chalk and frenchfries out of bubblegum, why not Butterfly wings. I'd recomend the kinds with the big eyes on them (actually this includes moth wings). An added plus would be the powdery effect of the cornstarch tha always on gum.

Licorice Ants

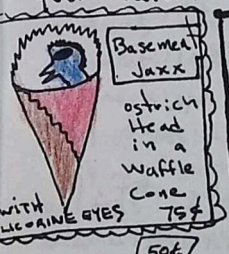
Why?

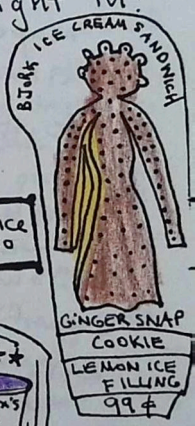
Because they come in red + Black

Love Corina the Bug Queen




On a recent walk through the neighborhood, I spyed a white ice cream truck parked on the street. The van was plastered with stickers. However, upon coming closer I realized that the stickers were for different bands & the white van just happened to resemble an ice cream truck. However, why couldn't someone create a make-believe ice cream truck with imaginary ice cream stickers? In fact, you could incorporate your favorite bands right in!



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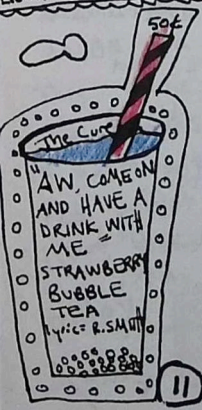
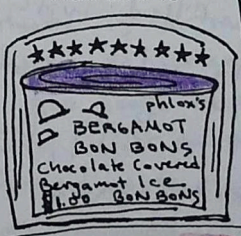
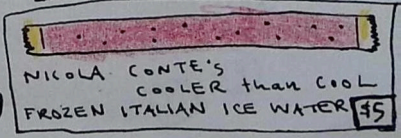
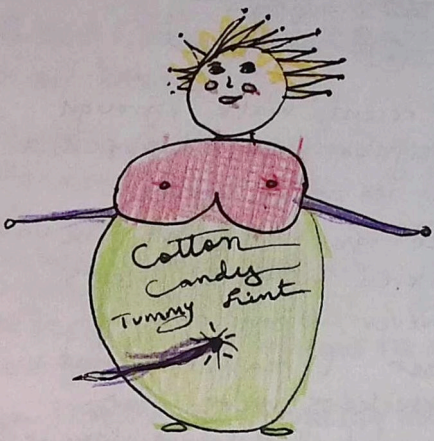





perhaps I have watched Twin Falls, Idaho too many times . . . .

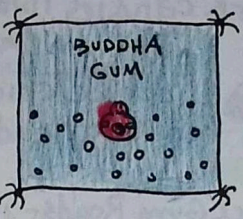
perhaps I have marveled @ the miracle of Belly Button Lint to. many times . . .

I MAGINE a beautiful china doll of indeterminate sex filled with cotton candy dispensed thru the Belly Button!

POMEGRANTE flavored would seem most appropriate.

(12) cheer. phlox

dream candy




phlox goes to a movie in her dream & of course she visits the candy counter. however, this theatre's candy selection is VAST & contains many unusual things PHLOX has never seen before: BUDDHA GUM a pillow shaped package with one BUDDHA shaped piece of gum amongst the other gumballs. MELANGE for indecisive noshers contains one piece of every kind of candy - jelly beans, licorice allsorts, marzipan fruits, lemon drops, etc. Then there is the RSVP choc bar - it is sectioned into 3 pieces: REGRETS - a dark bitter burnt piece ACCEPT - a sweet milk chocolate MAYBE - a swirl of the two. This movie theatre is a megaplex 25 screens, but each screening room is vast with 500 seats each - all in red velvet with velvet drapes & 1920's style stained glass lighting.

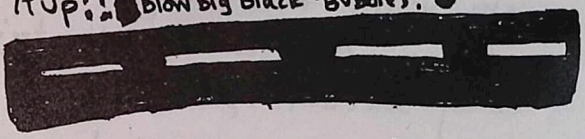
# BLACK DREAMS

dark candies I would love to see

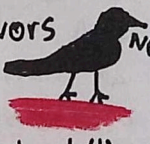
♥ from Corina

Licorice crickets - they'd be fun to eat and, it's fun to say!

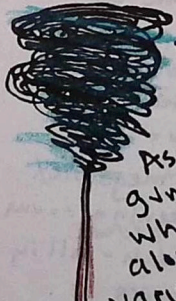
Black Gum Roads - it'd come rolled up and be about 4" wide + a foot long. Unroll it + it'd be a perfect highway for matchbox cars - complete with white stripe down the middle. Play with it, then chew it up!! ● Blow big Black Bubbles! ●



Black Berry Blackbirds - ravens, crows, starlings + grackles all in midnight gummi flavors




**Typewriter Mints** - they'd come in a little retro metal can - like old typewriter ribbons. They'd be in the shape of black typewriter letters, so you could spell out messages before you sucked on 'em.



**Twister Pops!** A tornado on a stick. As you sucked on it you'd discover little gum animals, houses, cars, and people who'd been lifted up by the storm. In a lovely black lemon flavor. (A variation might be a black cotton candy twister, with gummi bears interspersed)

**Black Cat Claws** Fake candy nails, lick 'em, stick 'em, wear 'em out to the Bauhaus reunion show + suck on 'em!

# Phloxie's MASH-UPS

½ FRITO + ½ CANDY CORN

+ dipped in CHOCOLATE

Pretzel & Marshmallow

Tied up With Licorice String

• Pretty & Tasty •

Toasted Angel Food Cake Slice

Peanut Butter

Studded with Red Hot Candies

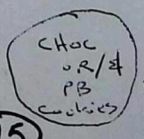
SALTINE DROP = SALTINE

Anna's Thin Ginger Snap

Cheese Slice

Chocolate DROP

Banana Kooky Stack

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* Top with a CANDIED CHERRY

# THIS IS THE HOUSE THAT SUGAR NEEDLE BUILT

Actual licorice rebar, in red and black, same bumpy texture, same size as real rebar